

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Michihiro Ohnishi et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1634 |
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| Application No.: 10/550,302 |) | Examiner: Forman, Betty J. |
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| Filed: September 22, 2005 |) | Confirmation No.: 1171 |
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| For: MICROCHIP, KIT FOR |) | |
| EXTRACTING NUCLEIC ACID |) | |
| AND EXTRACTING METHOD FOR |) | |
| NUCLEIC ACID |) | |

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AMENDMENT

This amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 15, 2009, the period for response to which has been extended through November 15, 2009, by a Petition for Extension of Time of one month and a fee payment submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section and begin on page 5 of this paper.